

Knowledge Base for Connecticut Resources

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Connecticut's History — Now Free to Read

*The full text of the Dictionary of Connecticut History
is open to every resident, scholar, and curious mind, at no cost.*

For the first time, Connecticut residents and researchers everywhere can access the complete *Dictionary of Connecticut History* online, free of charge. This landmark reference, part of the 14-volume *Dictionary of United States History*, is now fully searchable through our website. <https://connecticuthistory-bestbooks.net>

Written in a clear, accessible format, the Dictionary covers the full arc of Connecticut's story, from its earliest Native peoples and colonial settlements through its industrial rise and into the modern era. Comprehensive historical essays, a detailed chronology, and a selective bibliography make it an essential resource for anyone wishing to understand the Constitution State.

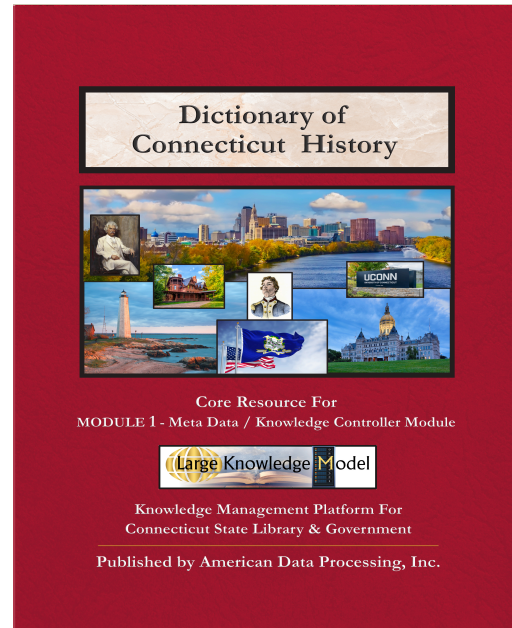
*“Transcending the Past, Present and
Future with Data Resources for
Knowledge.”*

— American Data Processing, Inc.

The volume is compiled from a wide range of sources on Connecticut, New England, and U.S. history, offering depth and context unavailable in any single standard reference work. Our mission is to make this knowledge accessible to all.

WHAT'S INSIDE

- ❖ Introduction to Connecticut History
- ❖ Geography & Topography
- ❖ Early History & Colonial Era
- ❖ History to 2005
- ❖ Year-by-Year Chronology
- ❖ 2,600+ Dictionary Articles



ABOUT THE DICTIONARY

The *Dictionary of Connecticut History* is an authoritative single-volume reference covers geography, early colonial history, a full narrative history to 2005, a year-by-year chronology, and over 2,600 individual articles covering people, places, events, and ideas that shaped the state.

Each section is carefully composed to serve both the casual reader and the serious researcher. Whether you are tracing your family's Connecticut roots, studying for a class, or simply curious about the Fundamental Orders or the Pequot War, the Dictionary is your guide.

Our broader initiative, the Knowledge Base for Connecticut Resources, will expand this foundation to encompass additional reference works, primary sources, and curated bibliographies. The *Dictionary of Connecticut History* is the first chapter of that larger story.

Read the past...Search the present...Predict the future

Explore Connecticut's Past: Search It Free

❖ **Coming July 2026 to Approved Participants** ❖

The complete Dictionary of Connecticut History: 500 pages, 2,600+ articles.

 Search Connecticut history: people, places, events...	SEARCH
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HOW IT WORKS

1. Read – at no charge Browse the complete Dictionary of Connecticut History. Over 2,600 articles covering people, places, events, and eras from across the state.	2. Sign Up to Search Coming July 2026. Register for free to unlock full-text search across the entire Knowledge Base for Connecticut Resources.	3. Coming October 2026 Approved participants will be able to add their own Connecticut resources to the growing Knowledge Base.
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WHY SIGN UP?

Free Access

Search all 2,600 articles of the Dictionary of Connecticut History the moment you register. No fee and no subscription required.

Comprehensive Coverage

Explore geography, colonial history, a full chronology to 2005, biographical entries, and topical essays all in one place.

Designed for Everyone

Whether you are a student, genealogist, educator, or lifelong learner, the Dictionary is written to be accessible and easy to navigate.

WHAT YOU CAN SEARCH

People and Figures

Governors, inventors, soldiers, writers, and reformers who shaped Connecticut from colonial times to the modern era.

Towns and Places

Every major city, river, harbor, and landmark with historical context for how each shaped the state's development.

Events and Eras

From the Pequot War and the Fundamental Orders to the Civil War, the Industrial Revolution, and beyond.

We have contacted the following state officials and suggested that statewide sponsorship would benefit all participants. Contact them directly to request statewide sponsorship.

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1. Knowledge Base for **Connecticut Resources**

Add Your Content to the Historical Record

Coming October 2026 * Approved Participants

Approved participants will be able to add their own Connecticut resources to the growing Knowledge Base. Four categories of contribution are open for registration, each designed to complement the *Dictionary of Connecticut History* and build a reference collection of lasting value.

FOUR WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

CATEGORY 1A

Best Books on Connecticut

Add to the Bibliography of Best Books on Connecticut. Submissions accepted in MARC 21 format. Local titles, regional studies, and specialized works are all welcome.

CATEGORY 1B

Cross Reference with the Dictionary

Link bibliographic entries and source material to corresponding articles in the Dictionary of Connecticut History. Cross referencing dates, names, and places enriches the record for every researcher.

CATEGORY 1C

State and Local Books in PDF

Upload state and local history books in PDF format. Rare, out of print, and locally published works not available elsewhere are especially valuable. Guidance on file standards and metadata will be provided.

CATEGORY 1D

Government Documents in PDF

Contribute municipal reports, town meeting minutes, land records, and other government documents in PDF format. Primary source government material is among the most sought after and least digitized resource in Connecticut research.

WHY LOCAL HISTORY MATTERS

THE VALUE OF LOCAL RECORDS

Town records, church registers, selectmen's minutes, and locally published histories preserve detail that no state or federal archive captures. When an approved participant adds a PDF of a 1920 town report or a bibliography of Windham County sources, they are filling a gap that may never be filled any other way.

Distributed local knowledge, gathered and organized to consistent standards, becomes something greater than the sum of its parts. A researcher tracing Puritan migration, a graduate student studying New England labor history, or a family piecing together their Connecticut ancestry all benefit from the same locally contributed record.

A NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION

Connecticut's role in American history is outsized relative to its geography. Every town and county that contributed to that history has its own archive of experience. Incorporating local archives into a shared, searchable Knowledge Base transforms isolated collections into a connected resource of genuine national significance.

Local records are the raw material of national memory.

Approved participants are not simply uploading files. They are contributing to a living reference that will serve researchers, educators, and historians for generations to come.

How to Become an Approved Participant

Starting October 2026, libraries, historical societies, genealogical organizations, academic institutions, and individual researchers may apply. Participants must hold rights to contributed materials and agree to Knowledge Base content standards. To register your interest now, visit **connecticuthistory-bestbooks.net**.